

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 0673

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CGEN, AF  
SUBJ: CHILDREN OF GOD

1. THE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, THE CHILDREN OF GOD (KNOWN LOCALLY AS TRAVELERS OPEN DOOR), HAS RECENTLY BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ACRIMONIOUS DISPUTE WITH THE FRG EMBASSY CONCERNING A GERMAN COURT ORDER PLACING A MEMBER OF THE GROUP UNDER THE LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP OF HIS BROTHER. THE SUBJECT'S PASSPORT IS BEING HELD BY THE FRG EMBASSY AND HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT HE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A TRAVEL DOCUMENT VALID ONLY FOR DIRECT RETURN TO GERMANY. HIS CASE IS ALLEGEDLY PART OF A GENERAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE ORGANIZATION'S POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FRG.

2. THE CHILDREN OF GOD IS QUITE ACTIVE IN KABUL AND THERE APPEARS TO BE A HIGH PROPORTION OF AMERICANS AMONG THEM. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THEY ARE ALSO A SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY IN THE U.S.; THEREFORE, ANY INFORMATION WHICH THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE THAT WILL ENABLE US TO PLACE THEIR LOCAL ACTIVITIES INTO A BROADER CONTEXT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
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